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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF SYMINGTON TRANSCRIPT

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF RELEASE OF TRANSCRIPT (NOW SCHEDULED FOR 10 A.. JUNE 4 WASHINGTON TIME) WE HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO WHAT WE CAN DO LOCALLY TO MINIMIZE LIKELY ADVERSE IMPACT OF UNFAVORABLE STORIES OUT OF WASHINGTON WE MUST EXPECT WILL BE GENERATED BY THE RELEASE.

2. AS ONE MEANS RESTORE BALANCE AND ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE, WE INTEND TO RELEASE FULL TEXT AMBASSADOR UNGER'S OPENING STATEMENT AT SYMINGTON HEARING NOVEMBER 10 AS SOON AS WE KNOW TEXT WE HOLD HERE IS AUTHENTIC. WE HAVE ALSO PREPARED FOR USE IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS AND SELECTED THAI OFFICIALS A VERY SHORT SUMMARY OF THE TRANSCRIPT WHICH INDICATES BRIEFLY GROUND COVERED BY HEARINGS AND PRESENTS ENTIRE MATTER IN OBJECTIVE AND AT SAME TIME AS FAVORABLE AS POSSIBLE MANNER. FULL TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS TEL.

3. WITH THIS APPROACH WE HOPE TO MEET WHAT ARE LIKELY TO BE THE MAIN IMMEDIATE AND SENSITIVE QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF THAI OFFICIALS AND INFORMED PUBLIC: THE SENATE'S NEED TO KNOW; REASONS FOR DIVULGENCE OF WHAT MAY APPEAR TO

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BE SECURITY INFORMATION; AND PROPRIETY OF US OFFICIALS ENTRUSTED WITH CONDUCT OF US-THAI RELATIONS MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OBTAINED AS RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH RTG.

4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY MOVE UNTIL WE KNOW TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN RELEASED AND WHAT ISSUES SEN. SYMINGTON HAS PLAYED UP IN MAKING THE RELEASE. IMPERATIVE THAT DEPARTMENT KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO RELEASE AND FLASH TO US ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN AMBASSADOR'S OPENING STATEMENT (SEE BANGKOK 6500), AS WELL AS REMARKS BY SENATOR SYMINGTON AND/OR COMMITTEE STAFF IN GIVING TRANSCRIPT TO THE PRESS SO THAT WE MAY BE IN BEST POSSIBLE POSITION TO DEAL WITH OFFICIAL AND PRESS REACTIONS HERE. GP-3.
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